



# Premier's Pages

September 2017

Nunavut

Welcome to the special edition of my monthly newsletter! In this edition of Premier's Pages, I have outlined my summer travels and activities.

Summer 2017 proved to be an exciting one as we had much to celebrate: Canada's 150<sup>th</sup>, Nunavut Day, and a Royal Visit – more about that below!

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## Royals Visit Nunavut



Many of you joined me in welcoming the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall to Iqaluit on June 29, where we took part in a community feast. I was honoured to present Prince Charles with a photo of his father, His Royal Highness Prince Philip, alongside my father, taken on a previous visit to the North in 1954.

Take a look at some of the photos of the Royal Visit below!



## Recognizing Great Nunavummiut

I am constantly reminded of Nunavummiut's strong sense of community, resourcefulness and resiliency. Congratulations to the following Nunavummiut on their accomplishments – you all make Nunavut very proud!

- ◆ **Helen Klengenberg** was appointed the Languages Commissioner of Nunavut
  - ◆ **Team Nunavut** won four medals at the North American Indigenous Games in Toronto
  - ◆ Nunavut-based business **Arctic UAV** was awarded a two-year Transport Canada contract
  - ◆ Nunavut Film Director **Zacharias Kunuk** was invited to join The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences
  - ◆ Iqaluit's **Chantel Caza** won the International title 'Miss Teen Wonderland' for Canada

## Key Dates

- September 13**  
Iqaluit Airport Official Opening
- September 25**  
Writ drops
- October 30**  
Nunavut Election Day



## Council of the Federation in Edmonton

On July 17 to 19, I joined my counterparts from across Canada to discuss Canada-U.S. relations, economic growth and key justice and social issues in Canada.

Many thanks to Alberta Premier Rachel Notley for hosting us!

## Economic Growth in the North

On June 19, NWT Premier Bob McLeod and I travelled to Calgary to take part in an important discussion on the challenges and opportunities of sustainable economic growth in the North. Developing the economy in a responsible way is an ongoing priority for the Government of Nunavut.

Read more about northern diversification here: <http://www.mirabelsmagazinecentral.com/DigitalEdition/index.html?id=c1be9afe-337c-49c2-bd10-ccb20d0ca59>

## Inuusivut Anninaqtuq

On June 26, the Government of Nunavut released its five-year Suicide Prevention Action Plan, *Inuusivut Anninaqtuq*. The plan sets clear outcomes to continue to building resiliency in Nunavut.

If you or someone you know is struggling with mental health, I encourage you to call the **Kamatsiaqtut Help Line**. It is anonymous and confidential: **(867) 979-3333 or (800) 265-3333**.

## The Governor-General Presents Queen with Sapphire Jubilee Snowflake

On July 19, Governor-General David Johnson presented Queen Elizabeth II with a Sapphire Jubilee Snowflake Brooch in honour of Her Majesty's Sapphire Jubilee, 65 years on the throne.

The brooch is made of 400 diamonds, as well as 48 sapphires. The blue precious stones were discovered in 2002 by Nowdluk and Seemeega Aqpiq in Kimmirut, Baffin Island, Canada's only known sapphire deposit.

## North Meets South Exchange



On July 21, I travelled to Toronto to connect with the Junior Economic Club of Canada's North Meets South Exchange participants.

The exchange was a unique opportunity for Northern and Southern youth to connect, share cultural experiences as well as showcase each other's homes. Opportunities like these are important in helping develop the minds of the future!

Throughout the day, I provided remarks and met with the participants. I even ran into someone from my hometown of Kugluktuk – Kendrick Bolt!